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Diann Jacox, Superintendent Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP P. O. Box 700 Middletown, VA 22645

Subject: Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Frederick, Shenandoah, Warren Counties, Virginia 2010 CEQ # 20110013

Dear Ms. Jacox:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document. The Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was submitted in November 2008, with EPA comment sent in correspondence dated February 26, 2009. The DEIS was rated "LO" (Lack of Objections) by EPA. The letter stated that project construction activities should avoid or minimize impacts to resources and comply with Federal guidelines, regulations and executive orders. Based on a review of the current document, EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Barbara Okorn at (215) 814-3330.

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Sincerely,

Barbara Rudnick

NEPA Team leader

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